
Augusta Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan

Proposed Housing, Public Space & Business Improvements



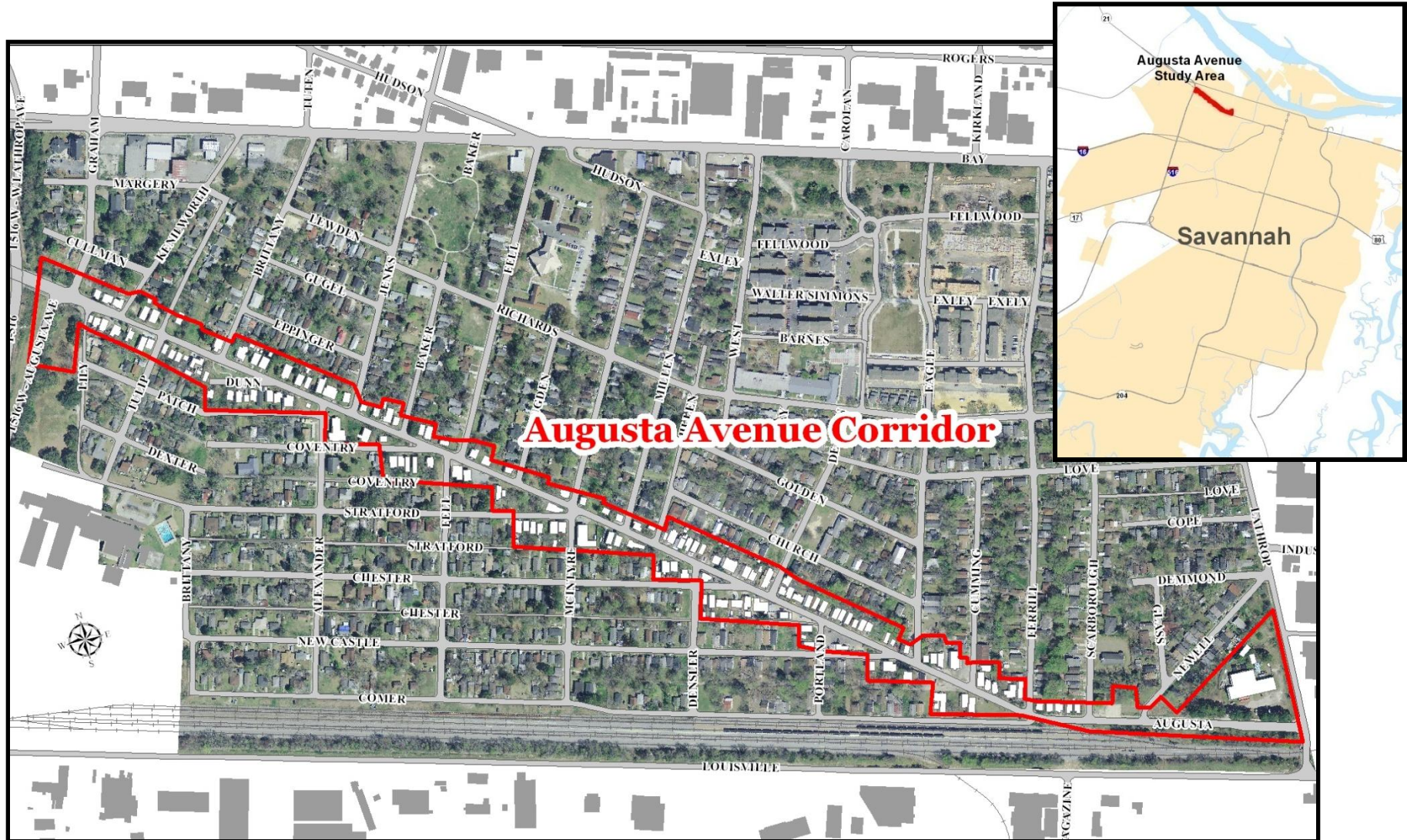
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Community and Economic Development Bureau

**Community Planning & Development Department
and the**

West Savannah Community Organization

AUGUSTA AVENUE PLAN AREA



COMPLETED WORK

A CONTINUATION OF REDEVELOPMENT IN WEST SAVANNAH



"The Weeping Time" passive park



New sidewalks at eastern end



Former Motorcycle Club

- "The Weeping Time" historic marker and passive green space at Dunn Street
- Augusta Avenue roadway resurfacing
- New sidewalk installation at east end
- City assisted affordable housing development
- Acquisition/removal of blighted structures and vacant lots
- Demolition of former Motorcycle Club

EXISTING CORRIDOR ASSETS

- Historic Architecture
- Active West Savannah Community Organization (WSCO)
- Unique pattern of flat-iron blocks along Augusta
- Appropriate scale of neighborhood buildings
- Strong cultural heritage
- Active and long standing churches



CORRIDOR BARRIERS

- Blighted property conditions & underutilized vacant lots
- Limited amount of safe & accessible sidewalks
- Limited amount of parking dedicated for businesses
- Right of way encroachment
- Empty commercial storefronts
- Diminished streetscape aesthetics



AUGUSTA AVENUE: RESIDENT PRIORITIES

- Compatible, attractive housing without displacing residents
- Public amenities such as park space, landscaping, and sidewalks
- Appropriate neighborhood-based retail
- Improved public safety
- Job training and job creation opportunities
- Improve Augusta Avenue entry ways
- Reduce speeding
- Improve pedestrian safety
- Redevelop blighted properties





AUGUSTA AVENUE CORRIDOR

PROPOSED ACTION PLAN



PUBLIC SPACE & STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

- **Develop safe, accessible & clearly defined off-street commercial parking**
- **Install and improve sidewalks, redefining street edge.**
- **Work with utility companies to reduce utility poles where feasible.**



PUBLIC SPACE & STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS

- Enhance public green space at flat iron blocks.
- Redevelop vacant lots at McIntyre and Stratford Streets into a passive park which complements the “Weeping Time” site.



*Existing vacant lots on Augusta Avenue
at McIntyre and Stratford Streets*



Conceptual passive park & bus pullovers



PUBLIC SPACE & STREETScape IMPROVEMENTS



Existing road surface elevated above sidewalk

- **Replace the street surface, to lower roadway elevation and reestablish street curb where needed**
- **Install pedestrian cross walks, curb bulb outs or other measures to increase pedestrian safety**



Cross walks, curb bulb outs & on street parking

HOUSING IMPROVEMENTS

- Exterior building improvements to owner & renter occupied homes



- Construction of affordable infill single family housing units



BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS

- **Encourage redevelopment of vacant and dilapidated commercial properties into new businesses or other uses where appropriate**



Existing commercial rehabilitation at Augusta Avenue & Fell Street

- **Provide targeted business development programs to spur private investment & improve existing businesses**
- **Develop an Augusta Avenue corridor marketing plan with a defined logo, signage and theme to connect corridor**
- **Create a business association for Augusta Avenue merchants and property owners**



AUGUSTA AVENUE CORRIDOR

SHORT RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM: EASTERN GATEWAY ENHANCEMENTS



Augusta Avenue Corridor Revitalization Plan: Eastern Gateway Improvements January - June 2013



SIX MONTH IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM: EASTERN GATEWAY ENHANCEMENTS

East Lathrop to New Castle Streetscape Enhancements

- Unified streetscape & attractive gateway
- Five foot sidewalks
- Street curbing
- Ornamental trees
- Crosswalks & signage
- Transit amenities



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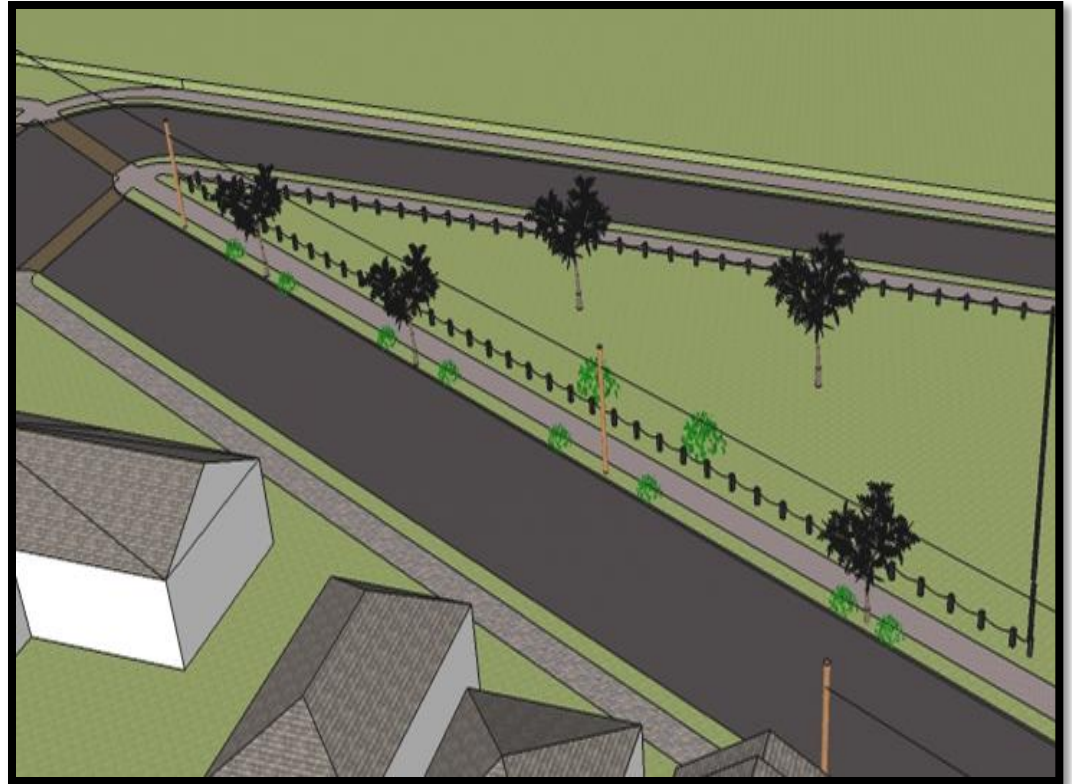
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Augusta & Comer Street Flat Iron

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- Street curbing
- Ornamental trees
- Crosswalks & signage



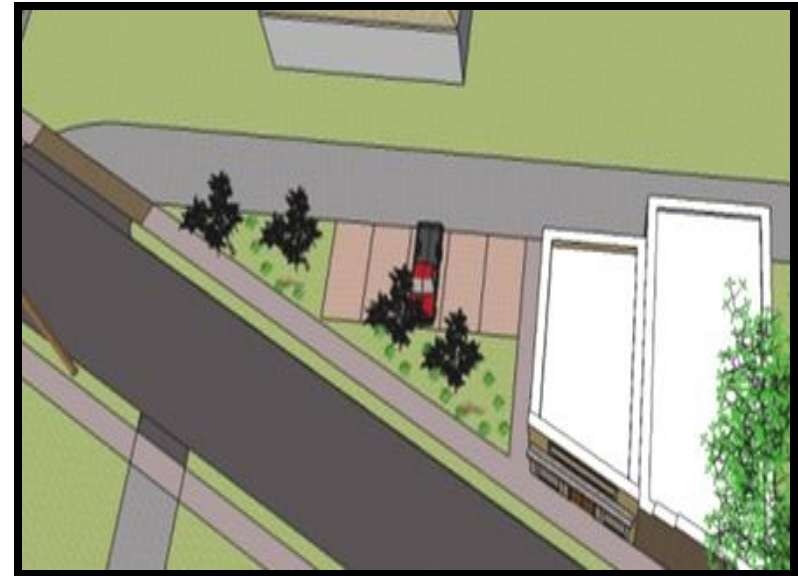
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Augusta & New Castle Lane streetscape and commercial parking improvements

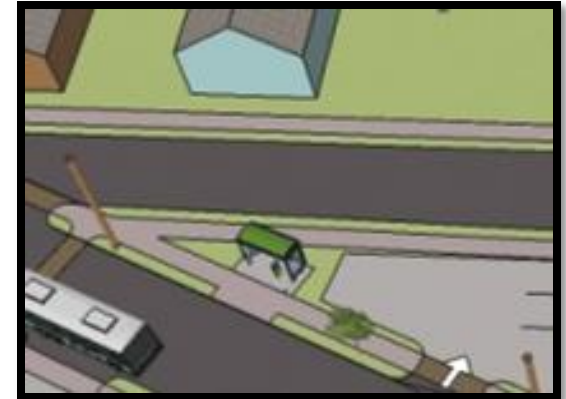
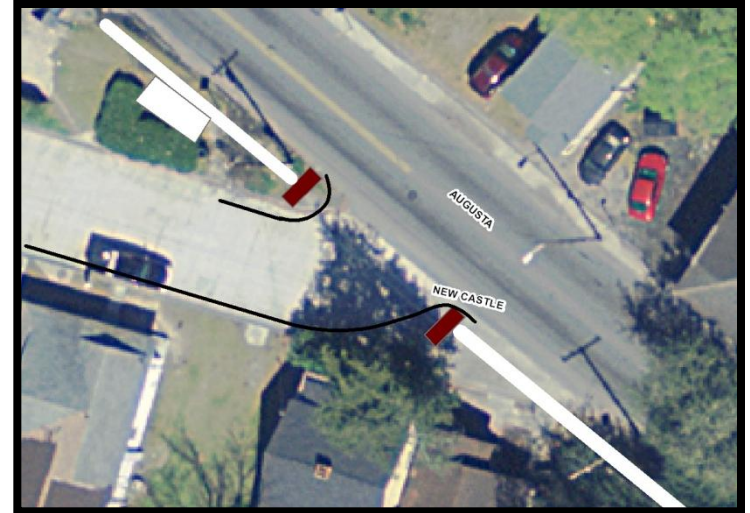
- Off street parking with access from New Castle Lane
- Lane improvements to ensure site drainage
- New curb and sidewalk with landscape buffering to enhance pedestrian safety, visual aesthetics, and commercial viability.



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New Castle Street improvements

- New intersection radius
- Extended sidewalk
- Upgraded CAT bus stop



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Seven City-Owned parcels at Newell and Scarborough

Work with the community to develop long-term strategy for parcels at Newell and Scarborough Streets.

- Remove concrete slabs and seed area or lay new sod
- Install accessible 5 foot sidewalks, curb and gutter
- Plant ornamental trees in tree lawn
- Install combination of ornamental aluminum and bollard & chain fencing
- Maintain as open space until future use is determined

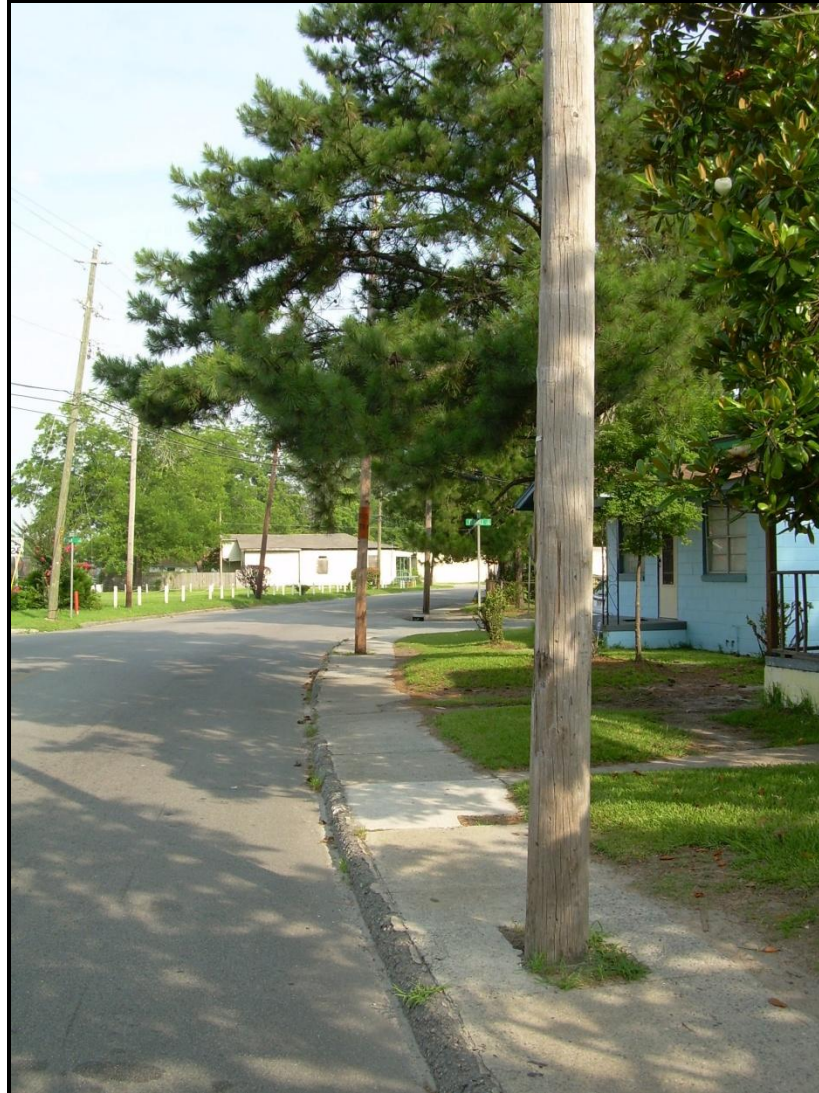


Aerial photo of former Motorcycle Club and existing concrete slabs

Example of landscaped vacant lot at 37th Street and I-16 Connector



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NEXT STEPS

- Sidewalk and curb work begins the week of February 18th
- Vacant lot improvements to follow curb & sidewalk completion
- Tree planting begins with appropriate seasonal plantings

QUESTIONS?

